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By Telegraph
3.00 O'CLOCK.
AT WASHINGTON.
The Fur Seals Must Go if
England Does not Come
to Time and Help.
SENATE AND HOUSE AGREED
LODGE AND GILLETTE HAVE
**A HAND IN CONGRESSION-
AL PROCEEDINGS TODAY.**
CUBAN RESOLUTION
FOR TOMORROW.

by not being allowed to send for books and papers or examine witnesses. He suggests some amendment to the law so that every corporation or officer that shall make any contract or engage in any combination in this state whereby competition in the supply or price of any article or commodity in common use for the support of life and health may be restrained or prevented.
SITUATION AT HAVERHILL.
It Now Seems That a Strike in the Shoe Shops Cannot be Avoided.
(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)
HAVERHILL, Feb. 19.—The situation in shoe industrial circles continues strained. The opinion of a number of labor leaders is that a strike is inevitable, despite the efforts of local boards' conciliation to prevent such action. It is learned today that the Haverhill Shoe council had sent a communication to the national officers of the Boot and Shoe Workers union regarding an assessment of 10 per cent. a week upon each member of the national union to meet the loss in wages shoe operatives would sustain in case of a strike.

By Telegraph
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FIGHTING IN CUBA.
A Number of Engagements are
Reported at Different
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regard to the appointment of a joint British and American conciliation commission and says: "We are free to accept the conciliation America proposes, and the only possible hitch is the possible objection of Venezuela to the matter being taken out of her hands, and Great Britain and the United States treating it as a question between themselves."
WRECK NEAR PITTSFIELD.
The Boston & Albany Road Blocked By a Collision for Several Hours Today.
(Special dispatch to the Transcript.)
PITTSFIELD, Feb. 19.—The fast mail and express on the Boston & Albany railroad, due in Boston at noon, ran into a freight train near Hinsdale this morning. Sixteen cars were thrown from the track, but nobody was injured. The express was drawn into the Hinsdale station where it was ordered held until the freight took the siding to allow it to pass. The express started before the rear cars of the freight had reached the sidetrack and collision resulted. Wrecking trains were dispatched from this city and Springfield, but it took several hours to clear the track.

LOCAL NEWS.
THEIR FIFTH CONCERT.
The North Adams Vocal Society Scores its fifth concert last night in Columbia opera house. A large audience attended and appeared highly entertained. The audience was considerable encouragement to the society and inspired it to its very best efforts. The society was assisted by Miss Lottie B. Bord of Troy, N. Y. soprano; Miss Bertha Bucklin of New York city, violinist; James Leach of Boston, baritone, and Miss Isabel M. Munn of Troy, accompanist.
It is seemingly very unnecessary to go over the whole of what was sung and played at the concert so as to speak of it properly and give each one the credit that is due. The society at none of its previous appearances compelled such attention in its audience nor roused it to such sympathy with the society's work. The selection "Entr'acte," Sawyer, pleased everyone that liked good chorus singing, not of the powerful, but the sweet and finely blended kind, and the "Jumbies," Ingraham, entertained all, for everyone can appreciate a lively selection in which there is almost as much point in the words as there are beauties in the music. "The 'Jedouin Song,'" Foote, and the cantata "To the Genius of Music," Mohr, were the most difficult pieces that the society sang. The difficulties were very well mastered and the pieces rendered with much credit to the society and its director.
It is always something of a lottery the choosing of artists to appear at a concert such as last night's unless, as in the case of Miss Munn, an artist who has proved worthy on a former occasion, is engaged for another appearance. This is so because of the local reputations that singers and performers, little above mediocrity, acquire for themselves. But the Vocal society was quite fortunate in the choice of artists for its fifth concert. Miss Bucklin, the violinist, was especially good. Miss Bord sang pleasingly. Her voice is not powerful, but showed training and at last night's concert it was used to its best. The singing of Mr. Leach was not so pleasing nor just so good as North Adams audiences have been accustomed to on such occasions, but he won some encores. The work of Miss Munn as accompanist was as good last night as ever. Miss Munn has become a favorite with the Vocal society and with North Adams audiences. A concert by the society without her would seem incomplete.
The concert as a whole was very acceptable to the public and very creditable to the society. The progress of the society was clearly shown, and the size of the audience attending showed how well the society's efforts are being appreciated. The director, John L. Howe, and every member of the society is working hard to attain to a very high standard, and so long as they show the progress that was made evident last night public support will be freely given them.

ANNUAL SALE
And Entertainment at the Universalist Church Last Night Was a Success.
The dining-room of the Universalist church has been turned into a bazaar, handsomely decorated and containing booths where fancy and useful articles and delicacies may be bought at bargain prices.
The annual sale conducted by the ladies of the Universalist church was opened last evening and the attendance, though not as large as it is expected to be this evening, was satisfactory and the proceeds from the sales were good.
The room has been decorated with green and white bunting. The long streamers of those colors have been prettily draped about the walls and from the chandeliers to the large pillars, which are similarly covered. Pretty screens are set up in the corners and the place has been made very attractive in numerous ways. Chinese lanterns aid in the ornamentation and the electric lights are trimmed with green and white paper shades.
The flower table is in charge of Miss Mildred Norton. The chocolate table is under the supervision of Mrs. O. J. Brown. Over the lemonade tent is raised a large umbrella draped in green and white. This is in charge of Mrs. Albert Whipple, who is assisted by a number of young girls.
The "sweets" table received its customary visits and the attention was well bestowed, for the home-made candy is very choice. Miss Hattie Brooks is in charge there and in assisting the demand by Mrs. H. A. Tower and Miss Emma Brown. Aprons for looks and aprons for use can be procured at the next table, which is in charge of Mrs. George W. Bedford. Mrs. Charles Stephenson and Mrs. Marshall Norton are also employed at this table. Mrs. W. R. Sanford, assisted by Mrs. Charles Kendall, serves ice cream from the table in the corner, which is almost shut in by pretty screens, but which is always easily located.
The fancy and useful articles sale is conducted by Miss Ida Morgan, assisted by Mrs. Horace B. Wing, Mrs. William Byars and Miss Laura Ripley.
The play, "Who is Who?" or, All in a Fog," was well given and was very entertaining. The play is made up of errors of Mr. Brambleton in mistaking a gardener for the expected claimant of his daughter's hand in marriage. The gardener arrives before the Englishman, which was unexpected, and a complication arises from the mistakes in identity on the part of the father.
The fair will close this evening and the performance will be given again tonight.

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COLD.
JUST FREEZING OUTSIDE.
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Low Prices.
Our Warm Overcoats and Ulsters have a strong point in the feebleness of price, which certainly will not be a barrier to your possession.
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A STREET CAR WRECK.
Snow Plow in a Snow Squall Collides With a Lowell Street Car With Bad Results.
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READING, Feb. 19.—An electric car on the Lowell-Reading street railway bound for Lowell collided with a snow plow on the same line near here this morning. The car was wrecked and the motorman and one passenger badly injured. Several other passengers escaped with bruises or a severe shaking up. The accident occurred at 10 o'clock in a blinding snow squall. The car contained seventeen passengers and was rounding a sharp curve, when, without warning the car and snow plow came together. The front end of the car was shattered.
AN ENGINE BLOWS UP.
Kills the Engineer and Fireman and Blows the Engine into Pieces.
(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)
UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 19.—The boiler of a locomotive hauling an express train on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad exploded near Cassville about noon today. The engineer, John Keech, was blown into shreds. Fireman John Lewis was so badly hurt that he died soon after being taken from the wreck. The engine was torn to pieces.
DESERT TO FRANCE.
An Entire Alsatian German Company March Over to France from the German Army.
(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)
LONDON, Feb. 19.—A despatch from Paris states that an entire company of Alsatians belonging to the Sixty-ninth German infantry at Treves, Rhenish Prussia, deserted in a body and marched across the frontier in company order into France, wearing full regimentals. They were immediately disarmed, but were allowed their freedom.
BAD BOY AND BAD WOMAN.
(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)
NASHUA, N. H., Feb. 19.—Word has been received from E. H. Gaulin, III., to the effect that Gustave Gaulin, the son of a wealthy Woonsocket, R. I., business man, who obtained money of the Security Trust company in this city by forged checks was arrested in the former city. It is learned that a Lowell woman whom Gaulin took with him when he left this action, had known his identity after having robbed him.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.
—New floors are being laid in several of the rooms in the Hoosac bank block.
—Onco lodge, No. 100, I. O. O. F., worked the first degree on two candidates last night.
—The classes of '96, '97 and '98 will have a sleighride to Idlawild Friday evening, Feb. 23.
—The concert given last evening at the Columbia opera house by the Vocal society was the third and last concert to be given under this year's subscription of the associate members.
—About ten couples were entertained last evening by Miss Mary Conlon at her home on Veazie street. Miss Mary Burke was awarded the first prize and Miss Agnes Ryan the second.
—Mrs. Thomas Shay of South Church street entertained twenty of her friends last evening at a turkey dinner, after which cards were played. No prizes were given, but the evening was very sociably spent.
—Another slapping affair occurred in the rear of the Fitchburg freight house about 8 o'clock last evening. Five men were implicated in the row, but upon the appearance of outsiders they made themselves scarce.
—About thirty-four of the employees of Cady's Holden street factory enjoyed a sleighride to Paradise's last evening and had supper. They took with them Messrs. Follett and Messier, who furnished music for dancing. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all.
—George H. Sawyer has quit railroading and gone to his home in Ludlow, Vt. He had been an engineer on the Fitchburg road for about twenty years, and for a number of years past he had run a switch engine in the North Adams yard.
—F. A. Secor, who was inspector of plumbing last year, will continue to act in that capacity until another appointment is made. The city engineer has the general oversight of plumbing, but it is necessary to have a practical plumber to look after the detail work.
—Architect H. Neill Wilson of Pittsfield was in the city today and submitted to the school committee plans and specifications for school buildings at Strattonville and Veazie street. As soon as the plans are accepted bids for the construction of the buildings will be advertised for.
—List of letters advertised at the North Adams, Mass., postoffice Feb. 18, 1896:
Miss Ella E. Chester, Miss Ella Cummings, Mrs. Lemuel Fletcher, J. N. Rose, E. Gerod, Mrs. Ada Hens, William Bradley, J. W. Bradley, Charles L. Davis, E. H. Haffer, Clarence Williams, Forch's Cetein, Pietro Carrara.
—A whist party was given last evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Barden on Freeman avenue. There were five tables and the prizes were awarded as follows:
First prize, a Dresden cup and saucer, Fred Sammons; consolation prize, a sack of cards in leather case, Miss Annie Lawlor. After cards, music was indulged in and refreshments were served.

SUNDAY EVENING CLUB.
A Well Attended Meeting Held Last Evening to Prepare for Work.
A meeting of the Men's Sunday Evening club was held last evening at the Congregational chapel. It was called by the committee on university extension for the purpose of preparing to form classes, arranging for lectures, etc.
Supt. I. F. Hall was chairman and Tracey Potter secretary. About 40-45 members were present and a number of letters of regret were received. After some general talk by Chairman Hall, Rev. Mr. Tenney and Alexander McDougall the meeting was thrown open for suggestions from any one present. Afterwards slips of paper were passed and upon these the members wrote the subjects they would like to study and the evening of the week on which they would prefer to meet. A large number chose history, literature and current events, and some selected science, French and finance. A majority thought Tuesday evening would be the best time for meeting.
The committee will take under consideration the facts developed last night and it is expected that classes will be formed at an early day.

LADIES' JACKETS.
We haven't got a big lot of Jackets left, just a few, only eighteen, early comers get the choice of what there is. We take inventory this week, we want to sell every Jacket. They will sell at
THESE PRICES.
\$20.00
19.00
18.00
16.00
Jackets are \$8.00
\$15.00 Jackets are \$7.50
10.00 " " 5.00
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Coal Combinations in New York
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ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Attorney General Hancock today in response to recently adopted resolutions for the investigation of the combination to raise the price of coal, sent word to the legislature that he has no power to stop operations in this state of a trust formed in other states. The law of 1895 and the executive do not give him over properly to proceed against such trusts.
He says he omus in every case falls upon the people and not upon the corporation and that a state officer is hampered

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Fire at a Masked Ball Results in Awful Scenes and Death.
(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)
LISBON, Feb. 19.—At the masked ball of the artist club of San Haven yesterday, fire started at midnight and spread rapidly. A terrible panic ensued. All rushed to the exits. Men, women and children jumped from the windows. Friends and relatives rushed to the building to the rescue. Many of them also were caught in the flames before they could get out. Thus far thirty-four bodies are recovered.
SALISBURY URGED TO REPLY
(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)
LONDON, Feb. 19.—The Westminster Gazette today urges Lord Salisbury to reply quickly to the American proposal in

THE CAPITOL AT ALBANY.
(Special Dispatch to the Transcript.)
ALBANY, Feb. 19.—The capital commission today awarded the contract of finishing the portion of the capitol awarded to Merriam & Co. of Syracuse for \$110,000. All regular work on the building is suspended and all employees are to be discharged.

THE PROGRAM
By the Congregational Choir at the Zenith Chapel this Evening.
Selection—From "The Redemption".....Gounod
Singing Orchestra and Piano.
Chorus—E. H. Haffer.....Hanscom
Congregational Church Choir.
Song—Once Again.....Sullivan
Thomas Montearth.
Solo for baritone—The Palms, with accompaniment for string orchestra and piano.
.....Favre-Mietke
George A. Warren.
Chorus—Hosanna.....Granier
Congregational Church Choir.
Song—The Broken Fishnet.....Pontet
Miss Annabel Darrow.
March—Le Retour.....Dan de Carrara.
.....String Orchestra
.....E. C. Bennett.
Chorus—To Thee, O Country.....Libby
Congregational Church Choir.
—William H. Marshall of the Globe block, Main street, fell on the ice in the rear of the block this morning and received a bad injury to his left knee. Dr. Card attended him.

FUR CAPES.
\$45.00 Electric Seal Cape at \$20.00
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Know not what record of sin exists in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was as mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.

SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Resides the telegraphic service of the American Press Association, the TRANSCRIPT receives regularly the general dispatches of the Associated Press, giving the general news of the country and the world, and the special dispatches of the New York Associated Press, the oldest and best news gathering agency in New England, to be sent to its readers.

TEN HOURS LATER
Than any other newspaper in Western Mass.

"WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY."
From the Seal of North Adams.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FEB. 19, '96

THE PUBLIC KINDERGARTEN.

We have sometimes heard the kindergarten work now being done in North Adams slightly spoken of and even sneered at. It is safe to say that the work is not generally appreciated or its character understood.

In St. Paul, Minn., the question of the continuance of public kindergartens is now before the public for settlement. It is a question of economy of the school money. The St. Paul Globe in dealing with the question speaks out so strongly and well in the matter that we reprint here a portion of its article on the subject.

It is of interest to any town or city just beginning the experiment of kindergartens. The Globe says in part:

"The kindergartens are, pre-eminently, the schools of the people. They have done their noblest, highest work in gathering in from the streets the uneducated, the homeless, the hard struggling for life by their parents is intense. To these the kindergartens have come like the opening of the gates of heaven."

"It has taken their little, sordid lives, growing away in squalor and slipping fast away into the youth of vice, and shown to them the beauty of love, of order, of discipline, of courtesy, of helpfulness, of obedience and the beginning of learning. It has stood to them in the place of a home life too scanty and too depressed by labor and discouragement. It has surrounded them with good influences, opened their young minds to sweet impulses, started their little feet in the way that leads not only to instruction, but to good citizenship and to true manhood and womanhood."

"Let the last vestige of the schools be swept out of existence by a sham economy before the kindergartens close their doors to the helpless and neglected. No parent who has ever spent half a day in any well-conducted kindergarten has any doubt of their surpassing value. No teacher whose pupils have had the advantage of kindergarten training fails to say that it has advanced them far beyond those who have not known it. It reaches down and out and is more beneficent than any other educational instrumentality. It is the school of the people. Let it be secure against assault."

CAN REED BEAT HIM?

An enthusiastic McKinley man has sent the TRANSCRIPT a Chicago paper containing an account of the reception given Governor McKinley at the Lincoln birthday celebration in the windy city. Boldly written on the paper were these words: "Have you any idea Reed can beat him?"

Before quoting the Chicago paper's enthusiasm, we want to answer in the affirmative, and say that we have got just such an idea exactly.

We acknowledge the great personality Mr. McKinley possesses, and the magic of his presence. But Mr. Reed, too, is an agreeable man, and, beside that, weigh the gray matter of the two men and the people today will say that the advantage rests with the man from Portland, Maine.

But that there is immense enthusiasm in the west for McKinley is not to be denied, nor that this enthusiasm will not prove dangerous to other candidates at St. Louis. A sample of this contagious enthusiasm we here give, taken from the Chicago Times-Herald. Describing Mr. McKinley's reception at the Lincoln supper it said:

"It began to be furious early in the evening. The long line of men with legal, professional, diplomatic and political titles was barely seated in the front of the big dining-room when there came from the floor below a modest gentleman, conducted by a committee. The people at the back tables recognized him. Somebody shouted his name. This started the confusion. Dignity was relegated. The din had no measure this side the capacity of 1,500 throats. They began to give college cries adapted to Republican sentiment. One band wanted to know what was the matter with William McKinley. 'He answer was unanimous. It was the shout of an army."

"It was a historic moment the instant McKinley was mentioned. It was confusion, confusion by fury. It lasted fully five minutes, swirling, sinking only to break out with redoubled vim. Men crowded by main force into the room, dragging down those who had gained vantage points on window sills and ledges. The clamor was heard in the street and echoed by the marching bands. Every lung contributed its best share. Men yelled, stood upon chairs and tables. Some shrieked. Age was forgotten; young men losted lusty lungs. A chorus like the roar of a whirlwind rattled the lights in the arched. The clamor amazed men who have seen all the political clamors since Lincoln died."

But Mr. Reed is still in the presidential race.

The theatre hat is raising the very old hairy with the feelings of theatre-going men once more. The papers are full of complaints, and the big-bitted woman seems to have broken loose again and to have gone to the theatre. There is only one way to fire that big hat, men. When

your wife or daughter come for millinery money extract a promise that only a small hat will be contemplated.

The Williams college professors will have an opportunity to do much good by assisting the university extension movement in North Adams.

The big prize fight is still on the tough's program. Real fighters are not talkers, so it is safe guessing that there will be no fighting.

Governor Greenhalge has too poor health to permit his attending to business.

The most uncertain thing in the world—news from Cuba.

THE EDITOR'S SHEARS.

FOR TODAY.

WINTER TIME AT HOME.

Blow hard, old north wind, at the door, Pile high the drifting snow,
But there are kindly joys within
That summer cannot know;
For glowing hearths make glad some hearts

For all who haply come
Beneath the cheering benison
Of winter time at home.

Huge, crackling fires, whose flames in gleam
Roar up the chimney flues,
The low-celled rooms where busy dame
Her wifely task pursues;

And happy, rumpling girls and boys,
Who gather in the gloom
Around the fire, proclaim the joys
Of winter time at home.

Within their closely-sheltered sheds
The warmly done,
While snug beneath the shelving stacks
The pipes in bliss repose;

Deep sounds of comfort and content
From every quarter come,
For every creature feels the charm
Of winter time at home.

The house and stables, sheds and stacks
Wear hoods of purest white;
And level with the fence-tops go
The teams to left and right.

After the billowy snow fields stretch
Like sea waves capped with foam,
And tinkling bells the pleasures tell
Of winter time at home.

Blest is the season and the spot
Where homely joys prevail!
Where all may find a haven kind
From tempests that assail!

And longingly will turn the thoughts
Of luckless ones who roam
To the warm hearths and warmer hearts
Of winter time at home.

—Mortimer C. Brown.

MORE GOOD READING.

Fiction and Juvenile Works Lately Received at the Public Library.

Allen, J. L. Aftermath. Part second of "A Kentucky Carolinian". a.174

Allen, W. B. The mammoth hunters. a.301

Johnson, P. C. Round the Yale Log. a.392

Baines, H. de. The last. a.393

— A laughter of Eve. a.394

— The marriage contract. a.395

— A tart life. a.396

Bangs, J. K. A houseboat on the Styx. a.397

Barlow, J. Strangers at L'Anse-au-Loup. a.398

Bernhardt, S. and others. The silver fairy book. a.399

Black, A. Miss Jerry. a.400

Blackmore, R. D. Slain by the Doones. a.401

Butterworth, H. The knight of liberty. a.402

— Zieg Zag journey around the world. a.403

Clarke, R. S. Sophie May. a.404

Croft, S. The red bar of courage. a.405

Crawford, F. M. Cassa Branca. a.406

Doyle, A. C. Mark Munn's letters. a.407

Hagard, H. R. Jean Harte. a.408

Hardy, T. J. de the obscure. a.409

Hawkins, A. H. Armstrong hope. The chronicles of Count Antonio. a.410

Hest, G. A. A knight of the White Cross. a.411

— Through Russian snows. a.412

— The tiger of Mysore. a.413

Hutchins, C. C. In del. nos of the king. a.414

Kipling, R. The second jungle book. a.415

Knox, T. W. Boy's life of General Grant. a.416

— In wild Africa. a.417

Lang, A. My own fairy book. a.418

— Red true story book. a.419

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Note the Prices.
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\$3.50, FORMER
PRICE \$5.00.

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\$3.50 per Set of 6, former price
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Real Estate

Boland Block, N. Adams.

The Silver Lining.
A rainy day I dearly prize;
For a rainy week,
Oh, how I wish the leaden skies
Might thus forever bask!

Not am I cheerful when it rains,
But mine is blissful gloire
As I look through the dripping pane
Of my umbrella store.

—Trent.

The Sun.

"Dear me," exclaimed the new arrival
in ladies, "why have come the shades of
people whom I know to have been truly
good? Well, I never!"

"That party," cuttily explained the old
settler, "does not belong here. It is
merely making a slumming tour."—Do-
trot Tribune.

Contrast.

It is a man of a lot of trouble
For he has been up at last
De sweetest of our pleasure
By do sorrow that can past.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers, who
were in the city for a few days,
left for their home in the city
on Monday morning.

—Washington Star.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our
Neighborhood.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

Opening of the Hoosac Club's Parlor.

The newly organized Hoosac club is now
comfortably and elegantly quartered in its
new parlor which was formerly opened
Tuesday evening. The suit comprises two
rooms on the second floor of Bank block;
a parlor and a smoking room, and a bil-
liard and pool parlor in Collins' block,
connected with the other rooms. The
parlor is on the south-east corner of the
block and is furnished in a manner which
reflects considerable credit upon the com-
mittee in charge of the preparation. The
walls are steel ceiling and finished in terra
cotta and the Brussels carpet is of a sim-
ilar hue; there are pretty pictures, a quar-
tered oak desk and oak chairs. The com-
bination gives a very rich effect to the
room. The smoking and card room is be-
tween this apartment and the billiard
room. This also has a steel ceiling and is
finished in blue. The floor is covered
with linoleum of a tasteful pattern. The
walls and ceiling of the pool room are
tinted olive green, and upholstered
benches run along both sides. There are
two tables, one pool and one billiard, set
up by J. Wesley Goodman of Athol.

The opening Tuesday evening was a
very pleasant affair. It was for the mem-
bers and their wives or lady friends and
of these there were about 125 present. They
assembled early and until about 9 o'clock
passed the time in conversation, cards,
billiards and pool.

At that hour they all assembled in
Temperance hall where Supt. Walter P.
Beckwith made a few remarks concerning
the purpose of the club. Among other
things he said, "This club has been
formed with the idea that there is room
for an organization of its kind. There has
been too petty feeling of rivalry but we
desire to have an association with rooms
where the business men and their friends
might meet in an informal manner. It is
for the social improvement of us all." He
then paid a nice compliment to R. W.
Richmond, the second vice-president, who
had worked earnestly to effect the organi-
zation, and called upon him for a few
remarks.

Mr. Richmond said in part: "Nobody
needs credit for forming the association
but all deserved chastisement for not
doing so years ago. The club is open to
all worthy applicants. It is necessary to
secure the indorsement and co-operation
of the ladies and for that reason we offer
them the rooms tonight."

Mr. Beckwith said pleasantly that the
ladies present were all associate members
and called upon the members to dispense
the sandwiches, cake, coffee and cream
furnished by Caterer John Hammond.
After everybody had been served dancing
began with music by Palmers' orchestra,
and Fred D. Field prompted. The affair
was a most enjoyable one, capably ar-
ranged and managed.

A Musical Treat.

The entire seating capacity and in fact
the standing room of the opera house was
severely taxed Tuesday evening when the
opera, "The Tyrolean Queen," was
presented by a company of Pittsfield
vocalists, under the auspices of the parish
of Notre Dame. Every seat in the audi-
torium together with dozens of camp-
chairs placed in the aisles were not suffi-
cient and many were squeezed into the
gallery with hardly breathing room. It is
safe to say that this was the largest at-
tendance ever given any entertainment in
the opera house.

The production was a great surprise to
everybody, who anticipated a fair am-
ateur performance, but in reality it was
a carefully and artistically prepared mus-
ical entertainment by a company of re-
markably well-trained, young women.
They had been under the direction of Miss
Parker, the organist of the Pittsfield
Notre Dame church, for several months
and their parts in the production seemed
almost a second nature. There were
seventy-eight young women in all. The
costumes, designed by Miss Parker, were
excellent, even those of the chorus.

The leading characters all scored tri-
umphs Tuesday evening. They are all
very fine singers and their rendition of
their respective parts showed careful
study. The leading parts were taken as
follows: Rosalie, the Queen, Miss Tra-
deau; Mother Grunt, Miss A. Noland;
Fair Queen, Miss V. Geland; first gypsy,
Miss M. La Brode; second gypsy, Miss O.
Fairfield; Cupid, Lomi Lowe. Between
the acts there was a beautiful tableau,
"Simply to the Cross I Cling," a selected
so by Miss Jessie Elmer of Pittsfield and
a number of fantastic dances by the
young ladies.

Miss Parker, by whom the opera was
produced, may well feel proud of the cast
she selected and the manner in which the
piece was carried out. A large sum was
netted Tuesday evening for the local
Notre Dame church. The special train,
which arrived here at 7.30 and de-
parted at 11.45 bore a very large crowd of
people from down the county.

Mrs. Mary Tinney.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Tin-
ney, wife of Fred Tinney, who died at
East Cheshire Monday of consumption
after eight weeks' illness occurred from
the Cheshire Baptist church this afternoon
at 1 o'clock and Rev. Mr. Harding officiated.
Mrs. Tinney was born in East
Cheshire and was formerly Miss Lincoln.
She lacked two months of being 26 years
old. Although not well known in Adams,
Mrs. Lincoln had many staunch friends
here who sympathize with her surviving
friends, her mother and sister.

Many local young people drove to Pump-
kin Hook Tuesday evening to attend the
dance at the Jacques' cheese factory.

The United Workmen's social com-
mittee met Tuesday evening.

The supper at the Baptist church Tues-
day evening was well attended.

A sleighing party of young men and
women from St. Charles Sunday school,
chaperoned by Misses Katie I. Hughes
and Maggie C. Ferguson, took supper and
had a pleasant time at Greylock Inn,
Williamstown, Tuesday evening.

D. D. Johnson, the Holyoke lumber
man, was in town on business, Tuesday.

Mrs. William Neagles of New York City
is visiting local relatives.

Miss Mary A. Nunnous returned home
Monday afternoon spending pleasant week
with relatives in West Troy.

Eddie Maxwell has arrived in town from
Boston.

Chief Kendall returned yesterday
from Boston after procuring the necessary
papers for the transfer of Michael Corlelli
from Troy, N. Y. The chief donated his
right new uniform and has gone to Al-
bany, N. Y., today to have the regulation
papers completed by Governor Morton.

The piano used last evening at the
concert given by the North Adams Vocal
society was kindly furnished by Cluett &
Jons' agency in this city.

CHESHIRE.

There was a social held at Henry Bow-
en's last evening under the Universalist
church ladies management. The enter-
tainment consisted of recognizing photo-
graphs of eighty-two town's people of all
ages, many of whom are not here now.
The prize was taken by Miss Jennie Mar-
tin, who guessed correctly eighty-one of
the eighty-two, and has for her prize
"Hawthorne's House of Seven Gables."

The second in order were Mrs. Kate Dean
and Miss Julia Bowen, each guessing sixty-
four. The third was Miss Emma Martin,
with sixty-three correct guesses. This to
most of those present was a new feat, and
one that was very timely.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Tinney, wife
of Fred Tinney, was held at the Baptist
church today at 1 o'clock. She leaves a
child one year old.

Prayer meeting at Frank Jenks' last
evening.

No. 4 grammar school at the center
building, kept by Mrs. Beale Wood, will
have special exercises Friday appropriate
to the birthday of Washington, consisting
of his life and history.

Fred Farrer goes to Salem to work at
his trade of lasting in a shoe shop there.

The schools are studying into the history
of Cheshire a little. To find the old
estate house standing is the question.

The earth was found to be frozen nearly
two feet thick at the cemetery yesterday.

Telegraph news from Tacoma, Wash-
ington, states that Mrs. Mina Brown died
there on the 13th, of cancer of the breast.
She was about fifty years of age, and
leaves one child, a daughter. The re-
mains will be interred here by the side of
her late husband.

C. A. Dawley is improving and is out
again.

Clayton Prince will move to the Ham-
mond place at the Kitchen, necessitating
the moving of Jay Brown.

The Ladies' Reading club meets Friday
evening with Miss Mabel Blood on Depot
street.

The school committee, George Dean, L.
B. Wood and Post Master W. M. Flaherty,
meet the Dalton school committee at that
town tomorrow to hear the report of
Superintendent Earl Loggins for the past
year.

San Francisco, where he went about a
year and half ago.

Victor King, who was injured recently
by falling from an electric light pole is
improving rapidly and will be able to be
out in about two weeks.

Blessed ashes were distributed at the
masses in both Catholic churches this
morning. The mass at St. Charles church
was at 8 o'clock and at Notre Dame at 8.30.

This evening there will be services and
distribution of ashes in both churches at
7.30 o'clock. Rev. Father Mallen of Lee
will preach at St. Charles'.

Rev. Father Triguera, pastor of Notre
Dame church, is ill at his residence.

The subject of the Christian Endeavor
meeting at the Congregation house Tues-
day evening, was "Loyalty to Our Church."

The Turn Verein association will enjoy
a sleighride to Pittsfield Saturday after-
noon and will stop at Turn hall in that
city. About sixty-five members of the
club and ladies will attend.

A horse driven by Thomas Russell, ran
away at Newfrow about 9.30 o'clock Tues-
day night, throwing the young man out.
The animal ran to the village and was
stopped near Collins' block by Eddie Cas-
idy. The driver was not injured.

WATER NOT POPULAR.

It needed a very bold man to resist the
medical testimony of three centuries ago
against water drinking. Few writers can
be found to say a good word for it. One
or two only are concerned to maintain that
"when begun in early life, it may be
pretty freely drunk with impunity."

They quote the curious instance given by
Sir Thomas Elyot in his "Castle of Health,"
1541, of the Cornish man, "many of
the poorer sort, which never, or very
seldom, drink any other drink, are not-
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A Fine Drill.

Richard H. Lansing has as perfectly
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children from River Falls and the Station
Tuesday afternoon to witness the fancy
motions of drill. The school committee
had given permission for these scholars to
be dismissed early in the afternoon. Miss
Gertrude Clark finely played suitable
marches on the piano and Frank Raus-
hausen handled the drum-sticks in per-
fect accompaniment. The boys were in
two companies A. and B. commanded by
Corporals McMahon and Rowley who
watched the movements of their com-
panies like old veterans. Mr. Lansing is
much pleased with the progress of these
boys and is now drilling others at the
other schools in town. Several visitors
beside the school boy guests were present.

William S. Cooper is spending a few
days in town. He is much improved in
health.

Mrs. F. E. Cooper has returned from a
long stay in Springfield and vicinity.

The Kneisel quartet played all with
their superb playing Tuesday evening at
Goodrich hall. It is one of the very best
organizations of the kind in the country.

Tom Kim spent last Sunday in Adams
and had a very pleasant time in observing
the New Year.

Jack Fitzgerald, while driving, in turn-
ing a corner near B. H. Sherman's store
Tuesday noon upset with a load of lumber.
No injuries resulted.

A. L. Mason is repairing E. B. Hewes'
house and soon will move Mr. Hewes'
born and repair it. He will also finish
the upper portion of Mr. Hewes' store.

Mr. Westbrook from the Idlewild has
moved into one of Mr. Hewes' houses and
will soon work for B. F. Bridges.

Spring street hotel, George Hsab, prop-
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from 7 a. m. to 12 p. m. Clams served on
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hand in plate or quantity. Please give
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BRATTONVILLE.

A new dressing machine from the
Cleveland Machine company, Worcester,
is being set up in place of the one recently
destroyed by the explosion of a cylinder.
James McNulty of Providence, R. I., is
visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence O'Dell spent Sat-
urday with her parents at Petersburg, N.
Y.

Chief Kendall returned yesterday
from Boston after procuring the necessary
papers for the transfer of Michael Corlelli
from Troy, N. Y. The chief donated his
right new uniform and has gone to Al-
bany, N. Y., today to have the regulation
papers completed by Governor Morton.

The piano used last evening at the
concert given by the North Adams Vocal
society was kindly furnished by Cluett &
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RED HAIR.

Headed boys are smarter than most
other boys and can carry a lot more freck-
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The hair that calls for a white horse is,
of course, horse reddish. It goes with a
red temper too.

Red hair, when worn by young ladies,
develops a good deal of electricity. You
can't help nodding the sparks.

Headed girls would be nicer than
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the other girls are just as nice as girls can
be.

A MISCONCEPTION.

"Oh, what a beautiful rare bouquet!"
Exclaimed he heard his fair one say.
Oh, Charles, I do love little no-
And these are so fragrant, fresh and wet,
I declare there's a little dew on them yet!"

He started, and trembled and sought to trace
The meaning that lay in that fair young face,
But the cloudless heavens were not more pure,
For the hint of a vestal air and dew
As she dreamily murmured, "Yes, Charles,
I'll bet,
There must be a little dew on them yet!"

Not a sign or tremor in word or act,
Though he beat his gaze till it almost
crack'd,
And looked and smiled, as the maiden spoke,
Like a man with the toothache making a
joke.

But today, if you ask him, I'll wager a pot
He can't tell whether she meant it or not.
—J. R. Parke in Detroit Free Press.

WATER NOT POPULAR.

It needed a very bold man to resist the
medical testimony of three centuries ago
against water drinking. Few writers can
be found to say a good word for it. One
or two only are concerned to maintain that
"when begun in early life, it may be
pretty freely drunk with impunity."

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Charles Dana Gibson's Boyhood.

Mrs. Christina Terhune Hornick, in St.
Nicholas, describes the clever writer that
G. D. Gibson did as a boy in cutting his
hair from paper. Of his boyhood he
writes:

Until Dana was 10 years old he was a
rather quiet, stay at home little fellow.
He was full of fun of a dry kind, and oc-
asionally there would come a flash of sar-
castic humor, but his wit was not out-
spoken to his finger tips. As he grew older
and became interested in outdoor sports
and made boyish friendships his paper
cuttings began to be neglected, and when
he was about 14 years of age he laid down
his pen. In their place he took up the
pencil.

This slight sketch must close at the very
outset of Mr. Gibson's artistic career. He
was only 16 years old when he entered the
New York Art League as a pupil, and he
was not yet 20. No one can say how much of
his wonderful skill he owes to the training
he got as a boy, but it is easy to trace in
his sketches the power he pos-
sessed in an eminent degree of giving a
picture in a few clear, telling strokes.
The direct vision of his childhood he has
never lost.

Calico on Board Ship.

"My watch had dropped into the sea.
We were in Greenland at the time. I
dived and recovered my watch, but the loo
had closed up again. Impossible to get
through; to go and would have taken
too long." "I shouted with the voice
of a centaur, 'Throw me a saw!'" They
throw me one. I sawed my way through
the ice, but the sawdust dropped into my
eyes!—Figaro.

More Rapid.

"By the way," asked Battle and Mur-
der, "what has become of the pulo horse?"
Death grinned an ominous grin. "I am
using the trolley cars now."—Cincinnati
Enquirer.

Mistake in the Identity.

"Marble heart?" repeated Venus. "Not
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